ABSTRACT

A system and method is provided for real time transcription or translation services. In one aspect of the system and method, a user requests transcription/translation service with certain service parameters. It is determined what resources can be used for such service, and, if all the service parameters can be met, the service is performed. Resources include live stenographers or translators, and computer processing power. If all the service parameters can not be met, it is determined whether to perform the service by meeting only some of the service parameters. These determinations may be programmed into the system beforehand. In another aspect of the system and method, a user makes a request for transcription/translation service, and the request is displayed so that stenographers or translators may make bids to perform the transcription/translation service. In some embodiments, the request is only displayed to those stenographers or translators who are determined to be able to perform the service. Bids are received and stored. The user chooses whether or not to accept a bid.

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